

## Library Bond Act Grant Applications - Cycle 1 Individual Application Summary

Project Name [Number]	<b>Alhambra Public Library 1013</b>	Current Square Footage	<b>30,940</b>
Applicant	<b>Alhambra, City of</b>	Project Square Footage	<b>51,656</b>
Operating Library Jurisdiction	<b>Alhambra Public Library</b>	Service Area Population:	<b>85,804</b>
Project Type	<b>New Library</b>	Anticipated Construction Start Date:	<b>7/5/2004</b>
Project Priority	<b>1st</b>	Total Project Amount	<b>\$25,990,094</b>
Joint Use Type	<b>Joint Venture</b>	State Grant Amount	<b>\$16,627,857</b>
Multipurpose?	<b>NO</b>		
Leased Site:	<b>NO</b>		

### **Bond Act Factors** [California Code of Regulations Title 5, Section 19998 (a)]

	<b>Rated</b>	<b>Other</b>
Urban/Rural:		<b>[see map]</b>
Population Growth:		<b>54%</b>
Financial capacity of applicant to open and maintain operation of the library (new libraries only):		<b>Yes</b>
Age and Condition of Existing Library:	<b>Poor Condition ( = Very Good )</b>	
Inadequacy of the existing library in meeting needs of residents and the response of proposed project to meeting the needs:	<b>Very Good</b>	
Plan of Service integrates appropriate technology:	<b>Very Good</b>	
Appropriateness of Proposed Site:	<b>Outstanding</b>	
<b>Overall Rating:</b>		<b>Very Good</b>

### **Summary of Review Panel Comments**

**Population Growth** 53.6%

**Age and Condition of Existing Facility** The existing library was built in 1974 and has not been remodeled. Major deficiencies of the current facility: inadequate technology infrastructure, poor energy efficiency due to aging mechanical systems, leaking roof and basement, and is not up to current seismic code requirements.

**Needs of Residents/Response of Proposed Project to Needs** The needs assessment process included a variety of methods for residents to provide input, including: the involvement of a broad range of community members, a teen advisory group as well as library staff members. Analysis of demographic data led to appropriate conclusions concerning library service needs. Current facility cannot accommodate required programs. Excellent survey of school libraries' public and private resources and student needs. Needs of K-12 population described well and supported in discussion.

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The plan of service reveals a conscious effort not to duplicate services that are currently being provided by other community or nearby agencies (e.g., government information, career information for high school students, and local history). Since a Learning Center homework assistance program already exists, the new library will designate space for homework center/computer lab to provide group and individual study spaces, computers with curriculum related software, and training programs. In some cases service indicators for goals and objectives are indefinite, and no timelines or numerical targets are set. Types of services described are currently in place, with appropriate staffing. The new library will allow enhanced services and provide additional staffing and appropriate space.

The building program follows the needs identified in the needs assessment and plan of service, and space adjacencies are defined. While non-assignable space square footages are not given, they are specified to be 30% of the total building, which is adequate for preliminary design purposes.

The conceptual plans adequately incorporate the requirements of the building program.

Joint Use Agreement: Homework Center The agreement does not represent a partnership between the two parties. The school district will provide only assistance in recruiting volunteers to assist with the Homework Center. The sole responsibility for staffing and operation of the joint use services lies with the library. The agreement calls for review every three years

**Plan of Service Integrates Appropriate Technology** An understanding of the need for technology to assist in solving library service needs is demonstrated throughout the planning documents. Specific technology uses include: enhancements to current level, including on-line homework assistance capabilities, 24/7 reference assistance, authentication software, wireless cabling for future use, video and DVD capabilities for computers, LAN, etc.

**Appropriateness of Proposed Site** The library will be a part of a larger civic center complex with other public services in one location. The library will be part of a long-standing downtown revitalization plan. Because the city is "land locked," parking for the building will be underground, beneath the library building. The site is accessible by foot, auto, and bicycle.

**Financial Capacity** The applicant has committed to the on-going operation of the completed library.